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FOR MAKING AND USING
TRANSGENIC DICAMBA-
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) Group Art Unit: 1638

) Examiner: Kruse, D.

) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
) OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from January 22, 2002 to March 22, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$400 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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